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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Viet Vu

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Art Rejections:

1. The texts of 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103(a) cited in the previous office action are hereby incorporated by reference.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Bauersfeld et al, U.S. pat. No. 6,195,679.

Per claims 1-3, Bauersfeld discloses a system and method for recording and editing a web browsing session comprising:

a) means at a receiving display station for designating a received Web document as a starter document (see col 3, lines 1-9 and 45-47);

b) means for selecting a subsequently received Web document as a first next document (col 3, lines 23-31);

c) means for creating a hyperlink in said starter document to said first next document, e.g. Forward button (col 3, lines 56-59); and

d) means for storing said starter and next documents at said receiving display station as a string of linked web documents (see col 3, lines 60-67).

Per claim 4, Bauersfeld teaches providing visually distinct navigation buttons (e.g., Back, Forward) for access to the next documents (see col 4, lines 11-13).

Per claim 6, Bauersfeld teaches providing means for changing the order of the sequence of the next documents (see col 6, lines 32-40).

Per claim 7, it is noted that Bauersfeld teaches recording and editing a web browsing session using a web browser.

Claims 8-11, 13-18 and 20-21 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-4 and 6-7.

3. Claims 5, 12 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bauersfeld and further in view of Nielsen, U.S. pat. No. 6,021,435.

Bauersfeld does not explicitly teach highlighting a link to the next document. The use of highlighting a hyperlink (or control button) is well known in the art as disclosed by Neilsen (see Nielsen in col 2, lines 1-4).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize such hyperlink highlights in Bauersfeld because it would have helped users to locate such navigation controls/links in the document more easily.

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Response to Amendment:

4. Applicant's arguments filed on 2/3/05 with respect to claims 1-21 are moot in view of new grounds of rejection set forth above.

Conclusion:

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on 571-272-3964.

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